

# New Boston Recreation

**Subject:** Commissioners' Meeting

**Date:** January 25, 2007

**Location:** White Buildings

## Attendees:

*Commissioners:* Lee Brown, Ken Hamel, David Hulick, Tom Joseph\*

*Staff:* Mike Sindoni, Mary Barone

*Guests:* Tony Eberhardt, Kathryn Hulick

\* = *absent*

## Discussion, *Motions* & *Action Items*:

- Eberhardt: Planning a bike event at the 4-H grounds in September. Rain or shine. Cyclecross format. Different classes to accommodate different age and skill groups. Would run from 9am until 3pm. Most likely a \$15 entry fee. Looking for a professional sponsor to cover the prize money. Mary mentioned that Robin Elliot at Freedom Designs does screen printing and embroidery for the Rec Department. Tony can have a full list of requirements for the next meeting. Concessions and merchandising issues not yet decided. This will be a good venue from a spectator perspective because almost the whole course will be visible from the grandstands. Running from afternoon to evening could work as well because most of the facility is lit. A bike safety event is also under consideration as a separate event, possibly in the spring. Could this be linked to a community safety day with the police department? Invite Tony to the next meeting to continue the discussion.
- Budget: Rec has 2 warrant articles. Van (Rec will cover 30%, town 70%), and credit card use (for the whole town, not just Rec). Town Hall asked for a breakout of each program. Lee and Mike have already given the Finance Committee a high level financial report. Benchmark program fees against other towns = Mike & Mary.
- Fees: Baseball fees are okay for 2007 after an increase last year. Summer program had a 2-tier pricing structure last year to reward early registrations. Early registration was \$105 per week and later registration was \$130. Almost everyone signed up early. No change planned in 2007. What new activities could we introduce? Horseback riding? Start adventure camp concept for teens? Hiking or kayaking?
- Upcoming events: Dance next weekend. Same time as winter carnival. Considering replacing the Cabin Fever dance with the North Shore Comedy Club. They have been booked for March 31 at 8pm. \$15 per person. BYOB at NBCS. 21 age minimum. Allow on-line registration. Gymnastics is going well. Yoga has expanded to 2 classes. Ballroom dancing has 21 couples in 2 classes. Golf lessons are planned again in the spring. Mike got 10 sets of clubs for youth lessons.
- Mike and Mary attended Northern New England Parks & Recreation Conference. Mary attended a recreation think-tank for on-line virtual town hall applications.
- NBRec has accounts at TD Banknorth that are not accruing interest. Friends of Rec, Baseball, Gazebo, etc. Can we invest those funds elsewhere? Check with the Trustees of Trust Funds (Harold Losey). David to follow up.
- Meet with Arlene and Willard Dodge to discuss the grandstand reconstruction and the conditions for Rec to move forward. Timber has been cut at the practice field.
- Building concept. Still looking at different alternatives. Increase white building rental sinking fund to support building program? Working with the school has been discussed, but there are no firm plans to move forward cooperatively. Permanent space for Rec is an issue. A new building proposal could be linked to an emergency shelter as well. Options to work with the white buildings will be considered.

*David Hulick, Secretary*